Viagra

Fact and Fiction

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Development

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- Developed to replace nitroglycerin to treat CAD
- Did not prove to be better than nitro
- At the end of testing subjects wanted to stay on the medication

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How it works

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- Potentates erections
- Sexual stimulation still needed to achieve erection
- Time needed for the medication to work
  - must be taken one hour prior to intercourse

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Who is it for?

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- Viagra is used to treat male erectile dysfunction
  - psycogenic and mild organic causes of erectile dysfunction benefit from treatment
  - patients should undergo a complete history and physical exam with laboratory testing prior to taking viagra

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Warnings!

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- Viagra should not be taken with nitrates as this can result in very low blood pressures that can be fatal
- Nitrates:
  - nitroglycerin- CAD
  - amyl nitrate and butyl nitrate- “poppers” inhaled organic nitrates, illegal

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Myths

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Viagra is not an aphrodisiac

Viagra will not produce instant erections

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Safe and effective for the treatment of male erectile dysfunction when prescribed by your physician and after a complete workup.